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**ROBIN CHANEY SENTENCED TO 39 YEARS
IN ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE MURDER**

Greenbelt, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Robin Caroline Chaney age 38, of Manassas, Virginia, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow to 39 years imprisonment for the second degree murder of Air Force Lieutenant Jennifer Gardine.

In a statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, Chaney admitted that on November 26, 2001 she beat and stabbed Lt. Gardine to death in the kitchen of Lt. Gardine's home on Andrews Air Force Base. After stabbing Lt. Gardine four times, Chaney took Lt. Gardine's infant son from the home and walked to her nearby car. Passersby ensured Chaney did not leave the scene, as she had blood on her arms and hands. Chaney planted a fake suicide note at the scene of the murder and provided false statements to FBI investigators. Chaney acknowledged that she was

emotionally distraught at the time of the killing because shortly before the murder, a man romantically linked to both Chaney and Lt. Gardine had announced his intention of ending his relationship with Chaney in order to better care for Lt. Gardine's son.

In sentencing Chaney to 39 years, Judge Chasanow specifically found that the case involved extreme conduct and that Chaney had caused extreme psychological injury to Lt. Gardine's son. These findings enabled the judge to give Chaney a sentence higher than the binding federal sentencing guidelines would have called for in their absence.

There is no possibility of parole in the federal sentencing system, and Chaney was ordered to 5 years of supervised release by the United States Probation Office upon her release from imprisonment. Judge Chasanow also made it a condition of that supervised release that Chaney not have any direct or indirect contact with any members of Lt. Gardine's family.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James M. Trusty and Donna C. Sanger.